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SUBJECT: MAJOR SADAT SPEECH SCHEDULED MARCH 15

1. ALL CAIRO DAILIES MARCH 6 FEATURE SPECULATION ABOUT MAJOR SPEECH BY PRESIDENT SADAT SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 15. PAPERS CLAIM SPEECH WILL BE TURNING POINT IN EGYPT'S POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC POLICIES AND WILL PROVIDE FRANK REVIEW OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND FAILURES OF PAST SIX YEARS. AKHBAR'S EDITOR MUSTAFA AMIN ASSERTS THAT SPEECH WILL REAFFIRM SADAT'S COMMITMENT TO FREEDOM, THE RULE OF LAW, AND "OPEN DOOR" ECONOMIC POLICY.

2. CABINET CHANGES. FORMATION OF NEW CABINET IS LIKELY, BUT WILL CONTINUE TO BE HEADED BY PRIME MINISTER SALIM BECAUSE " HE HAS SUCCEEDED IN HIS MISSION TO BEGIN OPENING OF ECONOMY." NUMBER OF MINISTERS LIKELY TO BE REDUCED, BUT NO NAMES OR MINISTRIES

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ARE SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED.

3. FORUMS OR POLITICAL PARTIES? COMMITTEE  
STUDYING "FORUMS" QUESTION IS IN LAST STAGE  
OF DRAFTING ITS REPORT. ACCORDING TO GUMHURIYYA  
IT HAS CONCLUDED THAT PEOPLE ARE COMPLETELY  
OPPOSED TO ESTABLISHMENT OF POLITICAL PARTIES AND  
THE TENDENCY OF THINKING IS TOWARD "FORUMS"-- ONE  
FOR THE RIGHT, ONE FOR THE LEFT, AND A THIRD FOR  
THE CENTER--WHICH MAY LATER DEVELOP INTO PARTIES.  
IF THIS TAKES PLACE, EACH FORUM WOULD HAVE TO  
ADOPT A CLEAR CUT PLATFORM ON THE BASIS OF WHICH  
ITS MEMBERS WOULD RUN IN THE PEOPLES ASSEMBLY  
ELECTIONS. CANDIDATES COULD, HOWEVER, RUN  
WITHOUT BEING MEMBERS OF "FORUMS."

4. COMMENT: SADAT HAS INDICATED THAT SPEECH WILL  
ALSO DEAL WITH RESULTS OF HIS RECENT TRIP TO  
ARABIAN PENINSULA AND REVIEW SOVIET-EGYPTIAN  
RELATIONS.  
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